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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of

Komeyama, et al.

Serial No.: 10/660,754      Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: September 12, 2003      Examiner: Gregory John Binda

For: CROSS JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

|               | <u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u> | <u>PREV. PAID FOR</u> | <u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u> | <u>RATE</u> | <u>FEE DUE</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Total Claims  | 37                     | 20                    | = 17                        | x \$ 50.00  | \$ 850.00      |
| Indep. Claims | 3                      | 3                     | = 0                         | x \$ 200.00 | \$ -           |

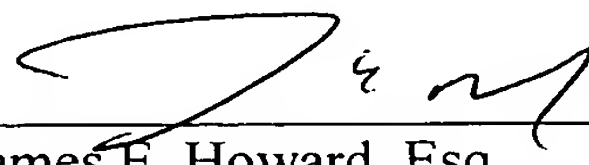
**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT      \$ 850.00**

A check in the amount of \$850.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-37 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification, drawings, and claims 1-4 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 7-37 are added. Claims 5 and 6 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Of the remaining claims, claims 1 and 16 are independent.

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